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TO: Local Health Officers  
Local Health Executives  
Local Bioterrorism (BT) Coordinators  
Local Entity Agents

SUBJECT: Local Guidance for 2005 Funding under the Health Resources and Services Administration National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program

This letter is to provide guidance to local entities on application and implementation for funds allocated under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program. HRSA provides states with funding via cooperative agreements for hospitals and supporting health care systems to deliver coordinated and effective care to victims of terrorism and other public health emergencies.

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) will make available for local funding approximately \$22,010,000 for the period of September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. Attached is the guidance for applying for the local assistance portion of the HRSA funds.

CDHS recognizes that local planning groups need sufficient time to assess local needs and develop the funding application for 2005. We encourage local entities to convene a local planning group and begin work on the local funding application as soon as possible. Applications must be submitted by November 21, 2005; early submittal is encouraged.

All application materials are also posted on CAHAN at:

<http://cahan.ca.gov/cahan/Documents/Local%20Guidance%20from%20DHS/>

CDHS will be reviewing applications as they are received, and in the order received.

If you have any questions, please contact your Emergency Preparedness Project Officer at (916) 650-6416. Individual contact information for all regions is listed in Appendix VI of the application materials.

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